

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman Denietolis called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Roll Call

Members present:

Chairman Mark Denietolis
Vice-Chairman April Trossbach
Member David Willenborg
Member Barbara Hill
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beavers, Attorney
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary
Kevin Hall, Inspector

Not present:

Member Leonard Kohl
Sgt. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Approval of the Agenda

Vice-Chair Trossbach moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2020

Member Willenborg moved to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Trossbach. Motion carried.

New Business

- Applications

Happy Seafood House - Application of Jassica Li Xia Zheng and Aiqin Jiang to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license and t/a Happy Seafood House (JJ&T Group, Inc.), 40874 Merchants Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Jassica Li Xia Zheng and Aiqin Jiang were represented by attorney Dave Weigel and translator Zachary Liu, appeared before the Board via Web-EX and were sworn in. Attorney Weigel asked Ms. Zheng several questions pertaining to the business through the translator. Mrs. Hildebrand informed the Board that there was a letter of support submitted to the Board. Chairman Denietolis made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending the Health Department, Fire Marshal, Traders License and Use and Occupancy permit. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Trossbach. Motion carried.

The Greene Turtle Bar & Grill - Application of Jamil G. Jamaldinian and Mynor J. Hernandez to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license and t/a The Greene Turtle Bar & Grill (GT California, LLC), 23415 Three Notch Rd., California, MD 20619. And permission for outdoor seating.

Jamil Jamaldinian and Mynor Hernandez appeared before the Board via Web-EX and were sworn in. Mr. Jamaldinian stated that the location is the former Cheeseburger in Paradise and that they hope to be open by August to serve customers. Chairman Denietolis made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending the Health Department, Fire Marshal, Traders License and Use and Occupancy permit. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

Patuxent Fine Wine & Spirits - Application of William C. Price to purchase a Class A-1 BWL license and t/a Patuxent Fine Wine & Spirits, 22599 MacArthur Blvd., California, MD 20619.

William C. Price, represented by attorney Michael Davis, appeared before the Board via Web-EX and was sworn in. Attorney Davis explained the proposal of the application and the plans of the owner. Chairman Denietolis and Member Willenborg expressed concerns about an area of the liquor store that will be a common area with the grocery store which would conflict with the Alcoholic Beverages Article's prohibition against issuing a license to a liquor store that was not completely separate from a grocery store. Mrs. Hildebrand informed the Board that there were two letters of support and there was public comment from Attorney Steve Wise, representing HV Liquors, located at 22576 MacArthur Blvd. Ste. 322, California, MD 20619. Mrs. Sudha Sharma was speaking on behalf of HV Liquors. Mr. Wise asked Mr. Price several questions regarding the business's relation to the grocery store. Mrs. Sharma also provided statistics of the impact that other businesses in the area have had on her revenue. Member Willenborg asked to have the application tabled until the next Board meeting on July 9, 2020, giving the applicant time to show separation between their premise and the adjacent grocery store. Motion was seconded by Chairman Denietolis. Motion carried.

- **Premise Change**

Moose Lodge 495 . William Males, James Suite and Thomas Maddox - Requesting permanent extension of premise for a 20sq 32sq kitchen addition.

William Males appeared before the Board via Web-EX and was sworn in. Mr. Males explained that they added a new kitchen to their premise. Chairman Denietolis made a motion to approve the new kitchen addition. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

Board Administrator's Report – Tamara Hildebrand

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that legislative proposals must be submitted by August 26, 2020 and Attorney Beaver will work on language for the on-site consumption distillery permit that was submitted but withdrawn last session. Mrs. Hildebrand explained that Inspector Hall and Secretary Dean have been putting together a TEXT Alert system in order to contact establishments quickly due to the circumstances of COVID-19. Member Willenborg had suggested adding Board members to the TEXT Alert system. Mrs. Hildebrand is waiting for more information and direction from the Health Department on the Governors order to open restaurants and bars indoor service up to 50% capacity.

Board Members' Time – No Comments

Adjournment - Member Willenborg made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 pm. Motion was seconded by Chairman Denietolis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

Mark Denietolis, Chairman